

In the Claims:

1.(previously presented) A mousetrap comprising:

an enclosure comprising a base having an upwardly extending spindle, comprised of a top rotatable about said spindle, a base and apertures located on each of the top and the base, wherein the enclosure is in an open position upon substantial alignment of the apertures; and

a trigger mechanism comprising a lever arrangement and a biasing means operably connected to the top ~~and the base~~, the top comprising a strike plate connected thereto and extending downwardly therefrom and substantially at right angles to the top, the base comprising a catch plate connected to the base and depending upwardly therefrom and substantially at right angles to the base, wherein the lever arrangement defines a gap,

wherein the enclosure, when in the open position, is able to admit a ~~the~~ mouse into the enclosure and when in the closed position, the apertures are not in substantial alignment, trapped mouse is substantially concealed within the enclosure,

the mousetrap being set to incapacitate or kill ~~trap~~ the mouse by manual rotation of the top relative to the base to open the enclosure by substantial alignment of the apertures, the enclosure being held open against the force of the biasing means by engagement of the lever arrangement with a stop means,

the mousetrap being activated to trap the mouse by ~~the raising of the lever arrangement in response to the mouse moving through the gap thereby~~ disengaging the lever arrangement from the stop means and causing the top to contra-rotate about said spindle and relative to the base under the force of the biasing means so as to close the enclosure, and cause the strike plate connected to the top to move in the direction of the catch plate and thereby incapacitating or killing trapping the mouse by striking the mouse with the strike plate and incapacitating or killing the mouse between the strike plate and the catch plate. and substantially concealing the trapped mouse within the enclosure.

2.(canceled)

3.(canceled)

4.(currently amended) The mousetrap according to claim 1 wherein the stop means also serves as a strike plate, the strike plate being connected to the top and extending downwardly therefrom and substantially at right angles to the top ~~an internal wall of the enclosure~~ such that upon contra-rotation of the top relative to the base under the action of the biasing means, the strike plate rotates with the top and contacts the mouse.

5.(canceled)

6.(currently amended) The mousetrap according to claim 1 ~~5~~ wherein the strike plate or catch plate may further include one or more projections.

7.(previously presented) The mousetrap according to claim 6 wherein the projections are in the form of angular kinks in the strike or catch plate profiles.

8.(previously presented) The mousetrap according to claim 6 in which the projections are in the form of spikes thereby impaling the mouse upon contact.

9.(previously presented) The mousetrap according to claim 1 in which at least a section of the base and top is circular.

10.(previously presented) The mousetrap according to claim 1 in which the enclosure is circular in shape.

- 11.(previously presented) The mousetrap according to claim 1 in which the mousetrap is reusable and therefore able to be disassembled so as to allow the removal of a trapped mouse prior to resetting the mousetrap.
- 12.(previously presented) The mousetrap according to claim 1 in which the biasing means is a helical torsion spring.
- 13.(previously presented) The mousetrap according to claim 1 further comprising a bait housing.
- 14.(original) The mousetrap according to claim 13 wherein the bait housing is located in the centre of the enclosure.
- 15.(previously presented) The mousetrap according to claim 13 wherein the bait housing is able to be loaded with bait from the underside of the enclosure base.
- 16.(previously presented) The mousetrap according to claim 13 in which the bait housing is configured so that the bait is physically isolated from the enclosure wherein the bait housing comprises one or more vents to allow the bait to be sensed by the mouse.
- 17.(previously presented) The mousetrap according to claim 13 wherein the bait housing further includes one or more spikes that assist in maintaining the bait within the bait housing.
- 18.(previously presented) The mousetrap according to claim 1 wherein the mousetrap is provided to a consumer with bait located within the bait housing.

19.(previously presented) The mousetrap according to claim 1 wherein the base further includes a lip adapted to fit around the top of another mousetrap thereby allowing two or more mousetraps to be stacked.

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34.(new) A mousetrap according to claim 1, wherein the trigger mechanism comprises a lever arrangement and a biasing means operably connected to both the top and the base of the enclosure.

35. (new) A mousetrap according to claim 1, wherein the lever arrangement defines a gap between a part of the lever and the base.

36.(new) A mousetrap according to claim 35, wherein the mousetrap is activated to trap the mouse by the raising of the lever arrangement in response to the mouse moving through the gap thereby disengaging the lever arrangement from the stop means and causing the top to contra-rotate about said spindle and relative to the base under the force of the biasing means so as to close the enclosure, and cause the strike plate connected to the top to move in the direction of the catch plate and thereby incapacitating or killing the mouse by striking the mouse with the strike plate and incapacitating or killing the mouse between the strike plate and the catch plate.